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## I. Impact Summary

Cohort	Total number of scholarships disbursed to-date (T = E+G+D)	Total number of scholars enrolled at the beginning of the reporting period (=E)	Total cumulative number of scholars who graduated by the end of this reporting period (=G)	Total cumulative number of scholars who dropped during the reporting period (=D)
USP (1)	52+9=61	16*	48	2 + 1 dropped during Spring 2016
USP (2)	53+12=65	40	33	2
USP (3)	85+8+2=95	91	0	4
USP (5)	56+3+2=61	61	0	1
USP (6)	42+3=45	45	0	0
<b>Total USPs at LAU</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>253*</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>9 + 1 dropped during Spring 2016</b>

*\* Includes the student who was registered at the beginning of Spring 2016 and later dropped out*

(Further information are available on a separately attached document, refer to PMP of USP III)

## II. Project Summary

### 1. Key Achievements for this quarter:

- There are 27 scholars on the Distinguished List (cumulative GPA 3.50 or above).
- There are 27 scholars on the Honors List (cumulative GPA between 3.20 and 3.49).

## **Detailed Progress:**

### **A. Advising and Registration:**

All the 91 USP III are registered for spring 2016 with full time loads. The scholars have been in regular contact with their academic coordinators and have been receiving proper advice and direction.

### **B. Monitoring of Scholars:**

**Academic Coordinators:** All scholars have academic coordinators (please refer to Appendix 1). The academic coordinator is mainly responsible for:

- Advising students before registration on the course load to carry each semester;
- Advising students in their courses and class work;
- Monitoring the academic progress of students;
- Helping the students to cope with academic challenges.

#### **a. OCE:**

The Outreach and Civic Engagement at the Lebanese American University, headed by the Assistant Vice President oversees the execution of the program and ensures successful implementation, supervises orientation, enrichment activities, and media coverage, and works closely with academic coordinators on USP curricular progress.

#### **b. Student mentors:**

Each scholar has been assigned a student mentor whose main job is to make sure that the scholar is doing well scholastically and that he/she is not facing any problem. The student mentor is a junior or senior student of the same major who has demonstrated leadership skills. He/she helps the scholar in issues related to his/her every day life: dorms and adjustment on campus. (Refer to Appendix 2).

#### **c. Student support/tutoring:**

Whenever deemed necessary, USP scholars receive support and tutoring from LAU student support centers such as the Cooperative Learning Center, the Writing Center, and the Academic Computer Center in addition to the counselors and professional career and academic advising coordinators in the Deans of Students' Offices in both Byblos and Beirut.

**d. Academic Progress:**

In December 2015, fall semester came to an end and by then the academic coordinators had sent three progress reports for fall 2015. The reports were studied and, when needed, proper advisory action was taken. The reports demonstrated that the USP III scholars are performing well and progressing normally.

It is important to note that out of these 91 students enrolled in regular classes, and as of the end of Fall 2015 semester, 1 scholar has a major GPA of 4.0, 56 scholars have a major GPA between 3.0 and 3.99, 33 scholars have a major GPA between 2.0 and 2.99, 1 scholar has no major GPA, 58 scholars have a cumulative GPA between 3.0 and 3.99; 33 scholars have a cumulative GPA between 2.0 and 2.99. Moreover, it is important to note that no one has a cumulative GPA or major GPA below 2.0.

During the January–March period, academic coordinators sent two progress reports for spring 2016 semester. The reports were studied and, when needed, proper advisory action was taken. The reports demonstrated that:

- 44 USP III and 3 new USP III scholars are performing very well and progressing normally,
- 24 USP III and 5 new USP III scholars have an expected grade below C in 1 course,
- 8 USP III and 2 new USP III scholars have expected grades below C in 2 courses,
- 3 USP III scholars have expected grades below C in 3 courses.
- 1 USP III scholar has expected grades below C in 4 courses: 201304\*\*\*
- 1 USP III scholar has expected grades below C in 5 courses: 201304\*\*\*

**e. Enrichment Activities**

**1. Club & Leadership Activities**

Activity	Date	Description	Names of participants	Number of participants
Scouts Cultural Trip to Sour	3-Oct-15	This was organized by Choueir Scout.	201304***	USP III (1M)
Access Field Day	4-Oct-15	This event was organized by AMIDEAST and held at the AUB campus.	201304***	USP III (1F)

Activity	Date	Description	Names of participants	Number of participants
AUB Field Day	4-Oct-15	Field Day is a perennial favorite enjoyed by the United States Department of State's English Access Microscholarship Program (Access) students. The program provides deserving 14-18 year olds from public schools in underserved communities the chance to learn English and to understand American culture, with AMIDEAST running the program since 2003. The AUB Field day mimics the traditional American event; a day filled with sports, and brings the Access students to Beirut for the experience.	201304***	USP III (1M)
Spiritual March	5-Oct-15	This was organized by Fersen Matn Al Jabal.	201304***	USP III (1F)
Election Workshop	7-Oct-15	This workshop was organized by LADE.	201303***	USP III (1F)
Research Skills Training Session	8-Oct-15	This was organized by LAU Library Byblos.	201304***	USP III (1M)
Astronomy Sessions	11-Oct-15	USP III scholar 201303*** organized free astronomy sessions for all those interested in his home town.	201303***	USP III (1M)
ولکم تمننت نانسى لو ان کل ما حدث لم یکن سوى کذبة اول نیسان	12-Oct-15	This was organized by the communication arts department at the Lebanese American University.	201303***	USP III (1F)
Teach for Lebanon Presentation (Byblos)	13-Oct-15	This event was organized by the Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit.	201303***	USP III (1F)
USP Basketball games	13-Oct-15	This was organized by the Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit.	201304***	USP III (1F)
LAU Election	16-Oct-15	This was organized by the Dean of Students Office.	201403***	USP III (1M)
Lebanese Red Cross Club Committees camp	17-Oct-15	This event was organized by the Red Cross Club.	201305***	USP III (1M)

Activity	Date	Description	Names of participants	Number of participants
Teach for Lebanon Presentation (Beirut)	19-Oct-15	This event was organized by the Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit.	201304*** 201303*** 201303*** 201406*** 201305*** 201303*** 201303*** 201304***	USP III (8F)
Central Bank Visit	21-Oct-15	This event was organized by the Outreach and civic engagement unit at the Lebanese American University in collaboration with the Central Bank of Lebanon.	201303*** 201305*** 201404*** 201303*** 201303***	USP III (4F;1M)
Theatre Production: The Dictator	21-Oct-15	This was organized by the communication arts department at the Lebanese American University.	201305*** 201303*** 201303***	USP III (3F)
Teach for Lebanon Presentation (Byblos)	22-Oct-15	This event was organized by the Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit.	201304***	USP III (1M)
CSR Conference	26-Oct-15	This conference was organized by CSR Lebanon.	201301***	USP III (1M)
I Want This Man' Play	26-Oct-15	This was organized by the communication arts department at the Lebanese American University.	201304***	USP III (1F)
International Day of Peace, The International Day of Non Violence and the United Nations Day	27-Oct-15	This event was organized by the Outreach and civic engagement unit at the Lebanese American University in collaboration with the Central Bank of Lebanon.	201305*** 201303*** 201304*** 201303*** 201304*** 201305***	USP III (5F;1M)
Creating your Company: Dream or Reality?	28-Oct-15	This event was organized by the Adnan Kassar School of Business.	201305***	USP III (1F)
Presentation by the president of the Lebanese Businessmen Association (RDCL).	28-Oct-15	This was organized by the Adnan Kassar School of Business.	201304***	USP III (1F)

Activity	Date	Description	Names of participants	Number of participants
USP Halloween Party	28-Oct-15	The Outreach and civic engagement unit at LAU organized a halloween event in the Beirut Campus whereby USP scholars volunteered ideas as well as help. The event was attended by USP scholars from all cohorts.	201304*** 201305*** 201303*** 201406*** 201304*** 201301*** 201305*** 201303*** 201303*** 201305*** 201404***	USP III (9F;2M)
Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign - Byblos	29-Oct-15	This event was organized by the Nursing Club.	201305*** 201304***	USP III (2F)
TD Orientation	29-Oct-15	This event was organized by the Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit.	201305***	USP III (1F)
Woman Involvement In Political Movements	29-Oct-15	This was organized by the Political Science department at the Lebanese American University.	201304***	USP III (1M)
AUB Chemistry Lab	30-Oct-15	Every Wednesday at 2:00 pm and Friday at 11:00 a.m. USP III scholar 201303*** joins a team at AUB to help with their research in the organic chemistry field whereby she can gain experience.	201303***	USP III (1F)
Innovation QuadroFighter	30-Oct-15	This event was held to discuss a robotic firefighter and its properties, as well as the various stages the inventors had to pass through.	201304*** 201304***	USP III (2M)
Entreprenergy Summit	31-Oct-15	This summit was organized by the founder of Entreprenergy.	201305***	USP III (1F)
Ripple of Happiness	1-Nov-15	This was organized by LOYAC.	201305***	USP III (1F)
Beirut Marathon Volunteers Meeting	2-Nov-15	This meeting was organized by the Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit at the Lebanese American University.	201303*** 201304*** 201305***	USP III (3F)



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Safety Awareness Club Annual Reception	3-Nov-15	This event was organized by the Safety Awareness Club.	201304*** 201301*** 201305*** 201404*** 201305*** 201304*** 201305*** 201404*** 201303***	USP III (6F;3M)
Community Project Planing	4-Nov-15	This was organized by MMKN NGO.	201304***	USP III (1F)
Introduction To The 7 Habits, With A Focus On Paradigms And Paradigm Shifts.	4-Nov-15	This was organized by the Dean of Students Office at LAU	201305*** 201303*** 201305***	USP III (3F)
Meeting and Elections for Human Rights Club	4-Nov-15	This was organized by the Human Rights Club.	201304***	USP III (1F)
Tutoring USP Students	5-Nov-15	This was organized by the Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit.	201303***	USP III (1F)
LAU Honors the World Marathon Record-Holder	6-Nov-15	LAU Honors the World Marathon Record-Holder, who has been internationally acclaimed as the Six-time World Champion, Seven-Time Big City Marathon Winner, and World Record-Holder. She talked about what it means to run for a cause; several USP scholars attended this event.	201304*** 201304*** 201304*** 201404*** 201303*** 201304*** 201303*** 201304*** 201303*** 201305*** 201303*** 201304*** 201303*** 201304*** 201303*** 201404*** 201303***	USP III (10F;7M)
Red Cross Event	8-Nov-15	This event was organized by the Red Cross Club.	201404***	USP III (1F)
Happiness and the Tools for Living a More Fulfilling Life!	9-Nov-15	This workshop was organized by the Dean of Students Office.	201305*** 201304***	USP III (1F;1M)

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Imagine Cup Roadshow	9-Nov-15	This was organized by the computer science department at the Lebanese American University.	201304***	USP III (1M)
Internship Fair Week	9-Nov-15 - 13-Nov-15	This was organized by the Dean of Students Office.	201304*** 201304*** 201303***	USP III (2F;1M)
Movie Kafa Organization	9-Nov-15	This was organized by KAFA NGO.	201304***	USP III (1M)
Social Work Club Fund Raising Event	9-Nov-15	This was organized by the social work club.	201303***	USP III (1F)
LAU Dorms Halloween Party	10-Nov-15	This event was organized by the LAU resident halls.	201304*** 201304*** 201305*** 201304***	USP III (3F;1M)
فيلم انا نجوم	10-Nov-15	This was organized by KAFA NGO.	201304*** 201304***	USP III (2M)
Internship and Career Guidance Workshop	11-Nov-15	This workshop was organized by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Club	201304***	USP III (1M)
Arduino Workshop	12-Nov-15	The workshop was about developing applications on an Arduino microcontroller. The attendees worked in teams to complete several tasks required in the workshop.	201304*** 201304*** 201304***	USP III (1F;2M)
Red Cross Training Camp	14-Nov-15	This Camp was organized by the Red Cross Club.	201404*** 201404*** 201305***	USP III (2F;1M)
UNESCO Club's Annual Reception	15-Nov-15	This event was organized by the UNESCO club.	201301***	USP III (1M)
Meet the Leadership	16-Nov-15	This was organized by Pricewaterhousecooper.	201305***	USP III (1F)
Tutoring USP Students	16-Nov-15	This was organized by the Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit.	201304***	USP III (1F)
It's Never Too Early to Prevent Diabetes	17-Nov-15	This was organized by the Nursing Club.	201304***	USP III (1F)
Volunteer Teaching Program	17-Nov-15	This was organized by the Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit.	201304*** 201303***	USP III (1F;1M)

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Blood Drive at LAU Beirut	18-Nov-15	The event was held at the Business School lobby in the Beirut Campus.	201404*** 201305*** 201304*** 201305***	USP III (3F; 1M)
Dean of Students' Independence Day	18-Nov-15	This event was organized by the Dean of Students Office.	201304***	USP III (1F;1M)
Literature Day	18-Nov-15	This event was organized by the English department at the Lebanese American University.	201404*** 201304*** 201305*** 201304*** 201304***	USP III (3F;2M)
A Day with Orphans	19-Nov-15	This event took place in the scholar's hometown in the Bekaa region.	201305***	USP III (1F)
Re-claim the F-Word	19-Nov-15	This was organized by the Intersectional Feminist Club at the Lebanese American University.	201304*** 201303*** 201404*** 201304*** 201404***	USP III (3F;2M)
UNESCO Club's Annual Reception	19-Nov-15	This event was organized by the UNESCO club.	201304*** 201404***	USP III (1F;1M)
Independence Day with the Lebanese Army	20-Nov-15	This event was organized by the Dean of Students Office in collaboration with the UNESCO Club.	201304*** 201304*** 201303*** 201304*** 201301*** 201303*** 201303*** 201305***	USP III (6F;2M)
Star Gazing Trip to Kfardebian	20-Nov-15	This was organized by the Astronomy Club.	201304*** 201404***	USP III (2F)
مسرحية لماذا ؟..	24-Nov-15	This was organized by the communication arts department at the Lebanese American University.	201304***	USP III (1F)

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IWSAW Program for the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence	25-Nov-15	This presentation was organized by the Institute for Women in the 201505*** World. A discussion panel with a renowned journal201303***st entitled "my twenty years experience in covering women's issues ". Several USP scholars attended the lecture.	201505*** 201304***	USP III (1F;1M)
OCE's Independence Day Event	25-Nov-15	This event was organized by the Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit.	201304*** 201304*** 201303*** 201304*** 201305*** 201304*** 201404*** 201304***	USP III (2F;6M)
Safety Awareness Club Meeting	25-Nov-15	This event was organized by the Safety Awareness Club.	201304***	USP III (1F)
So You Think You Know Palestine!	25-Nov-15	This event was organized by the Platinian Club and held in LAU Beirut.	201304*** 201305*** 201303*** 201304*** 201305*** 201305***	USP III (4F;2M)
Drinking and Driving Awareness Campaign	26-Nov-15	This Campaign was organized by the Safety Awareness Club.	201404*** 201303*** 201304*** 201301*** 201303*** 201303*** 201404***	USP III (6F;1M)
How to Recognize and Manage Workplace Bullying	26-Nov-15	This workshop was organized by the Dean of Student's Office.	201404*** 201303***	USP III (1F;1M)
L'écoute Association Meeting 1	26-Nov-15	This was organized by L'écoute association.	201304***	USP III (1F)
Environmental Day	28-Nov-15	This event was organized by the Red Cross Club at the Lebanese	201304***	USP III (1F)

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LAU Orphan Fair	28-Nov-15	This event was organized by the Dean of Student's office at the Lebanese American University.	201303*** 201303*** 201304***	USP III (2F;1M)
Astronomy Movie Screening	30-Nov-15	This event was organized by the Astronomy Club.	201305***	USP III (1F)
Motorbikes Day	30-Nov-15	This event was organized by the Safety Awareness Club.	201303*** 201301*** 201404*** 201304***	USP III (2F;2M)
Movie Screening "Gravity "	30-Nov-15	This was organized by the Astronomy Club.	201404***	USP III (1M)
World Aids Day	30-Nov-15	This event was organized by the LAU Medical Students Association (MSA) Club and the LEMSIC club.	201305***	USP III (1F)
Food for Thought: Are You Man Enough? - Beirut	2-Dec-15	A discussion held with a masculinities expert at ABAAD about the challenges of a man in society.	201404***	USP III (1F)
Visit to the Traffic Control Room	2-Dec-15	This event was organized by the Safety Awareness Club.	201304*** 201301*** 201304***	USP III (2F;1M)
Vadis Quo	2Dec15 - 4Dec15	This was organized by the Communication Arts Department at the Lebanese American University.	201304*** 201304*** 201404***	USP III (2F;1M)
Secret Santa Delivery Service	2-Dec-15 - 9-Dec-15	This event was organized by the Environmental Club.	201303***	USP III (1M)
ARIJ Conference	3-Dec-15	ARIJ conference is an Investigative Journalism conference held in Amman Jordan.	201303***	USP III (1F)

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Christmas Dinner	4-Dec-15	The event was organized by the LAU-Dorms and was held at Kahwet Liela Hamra.	201404***	USP III (1F)
Human Rights Club Meeting	4-Dec-15	This was organized by the Human Rights Club.	201304***	USP III (1F)
LAU Am Not	7-Dec-15	This was organized by the Dean of Students Office.	201303***	USP III (1F)
Screening and Panel Discussion: "I am a Girl"	7-Dec-15	This screening was organized by the Institute for Women in the 201505*** World.	201304***	USP III (1F)
The Students' Oriental Orchestra	8-Dec-15	This was organized by the communication arts department at the Lebanese American University.	201304*** 201304***	USP III (2F)
USP Chirstmas Dinner	17-Dec-15	This event was organized by the Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit.	201303***	USP III (1F)
Christmas Concert	19-Dec-15	This concert took place in Baaklin national library.	201305***	USP III (1M)
The Magic Wallet	24-Dec-15	This event was organized by the Innovation club and JCI sidon.	201303***	USP III (1F)
First Aid Training Session	17-Jan-16	This session was organized by the Red Cross Club at the Lebanese American University.	201404***	USP III (1F)
Townhall Meeting	23-Jan-16	This event was organized by the Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit.	201403*** 201304*** 201304*** 201304*** 201404*** 201304*** 201404*** 201505*** 201304*** 201304*** 201303*** 201304*** 201305*** 201304*** 201303*** 201406*** 201304*** 201303*** 201304*** 201303*** 201304*** 201304***	USP III (42F;24M)

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MIT 201505*** Mentorship Program Lecture	25-Jan-16	This was held in the Byblos campus of the Lebanese American University.	201304***	USP III (1M)

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Interviewing Skills Lecture	27-Jan-16	This was organized by the Dean of Students Office.	201304***	USP III (1M)
Sharpen Your Interview Skills	27-Jan-16	This was organized by the Dean of Students Office.	201304***	USP III (1M)
Atwal Dabke	28-Jan-16	This event was organized by the American University of Beirut.	201303***	USP III (1M)
First Responder Team	1-Feb-16	This event was organized by the Red Cross Club at the Lebanese American University.	201404***	USP III (1F)
Tedx Meeting	1-Feb-16	This presentation was organized by the Institute for Women in the 201505*** World.	201303***	USP III (1F)
Have a Safe Valentine	10-Feb-16	This event was organized by the Red Cross Club.	201406*** 201304*** 201305***	USP III (2F;1M)
International Audit Program	10-Feb-16	This was organized by the director compliance of Blom Bank Group.	201505***	USP III (1F)
قراءات شعرية	10-Feb-16	This event was organized by the 201505***ic Literature Club.	201303*** 201404*** 201305***	USP III (3M)
Photography Club Fund Raising Event	12-Feb-16	This was organized by the Human Rights Club in collaboration with the photography club.	201406***	USP III (1F)
Artificial Intelligence in Astronomy	15-Feb-16	This event was organized by the Astronomy Club.	201303***	USP III (1M)
ASME Band Night Fundraiser	16-Feb-16	This event was organized by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers Club	201304***	USP III (1M)
A Talk By an Armenian-American journ201303***stand political activist	19-Feb-16	This talk was held at the Lebanese American University.	201305***	USP III (1M)
Databases Training Session	19-Feb-16	This training session was organized by the senior literacy librarian at LAU.	201505***	USP III (1F)
How To Buy Your Laptop	19-Feb-16	This session was organized by the IT Club.	201305***	USP III (1M)



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Media Activist Skewers U.S. 'Propaganda' Machine	19-Feb-16	This was held in the Beirut campus of the Lebanese American University.	201406***	USP III (1F)
UK Global Study Education Fair	20-Feb-16	This was organized by UK Global Study.	201303***	USP III (1F)
Municipal Elections Workshop	22-Feb-16	This was organized by the International Affairs Club.	201303***	USP III (1F)
Souk 3a souk	22-Feb-16	This event was organized by the UNESCO club.	201303*** 201303*** 201404***	USP III (3F)
Inter Professional Education	24-Feb-16	This was organized by the school of arts and sciences.	201304*** 201304***	USP III (2F)
Reach Out and Dazzle Program	25-Feb-16	This program is organized by the Outreach and Civic engagement Unit at the Lebanese American University.	201304***	USP III (1M)
Meeting With MMKN Headquarters	26-Feb-16	This was organized by MMKN NGO.	201304***	USP III (1F)
TEDX Introductory Event	26-Feb-16	This was organized by TedX Lebanon.	201303***	USP III (1F)
Townhall Meeting - Make Up Beirut	26-Feb-16	This event was organized by the Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit.	201305*** 201304*** 201304*** 201305***	USP III (3F;1M)
Playroom activity for Hospitalized Pediatric Patients	26-Feb-16	This event was organized by Nursing Students at the Lebanese American University.	201304***	USP III (1F)
Camping With The Red Cross Club	27-Feb-16	This event was organized by the Red Cross Club at the Lebanese American University.	201304***	USP III (1F)
Steer Your Career – Session 1	27-Feb-16	"Steer your Career" provides youth with key employability, the skills they need to succeed in the workplace and the business world. It is organized by Injaz NGO.	201304*** 201304***	USP III (2F)

Activity	Date	Description	Names of participants	Number of participants
Mental Health Fair	29-Feb-16	This was organized by the Nursing Club.	201304*** 201304***	USP III (2F)
201505***Net Conference	1-Mar-16	201505***Net Beirut hosted leading international and regional investors to highlight the opportunities and challenges facing the sector, and showcase top startups and entrepreneurs.	201303***	USP III (1F)
Steer Your Career – session 2	5-Mar-16	“Steer your Career” provides youth with key employability, the skills they need to succeed in the workplace and the business world. It is organized by Injaz NGO.	201304*** 201304***	USP III (2F)
Math Club Lecture	7-Mar-16	This lecture was organized by the Math club.	201303*** 201406***	USP III (2F)
Visit to Matelec	7-Mar-16	This visit was organized by the American society of Mechanical Engineers club.	201304***	USP III (1M)
Photography Club panel discussion	9-Mar-16	This was organized by the Photography Club.	201406*** 201305*** 201303***	USP III (2F;1M)
Red Cross Disability Awareness Campaign	10-Mar-16	This event was organized by the Red Cross Club.	201304***	USP III (1F)
Live Healthy Live Happy	12-Mar-16	This event was organized by USP III scholar 201304*** in collaboration with the Outreach and Civic engagement Unit.	201304***	USP III (1F)
Pi Day	14-Mar-16	This event was organized by the Math Club.	201303*** 201305*** 201406***	USP III (2F;1M)
Red cross camp	26-Mar-16	This Camp was organized by the Red Cross Club.	201404***	USP III (1F)



### Astronomy Session



***USP III scholar 201303\*\*\* gave an Astronomy session in his home town.***

### Safety Awareness Club Annual Reception



***USP III scholars 201305\*\*\*, 201404\*\*\*, 201305\*\*\* and 201304\*\*\* attended the Safety Awareness Club Annual Reception.***





***USP III scholar 201301\*\*\*, president of the Safety Awareness Club, hosted the event.***

#### **LAU Dorms Halloween Party**



***USP III scholar 201304\*\*\* engaged in the LAU Dorms Halloween Party.***



***USP III scholar 201305\*\*\* took part in the LAU Dorms Halloween Party.***

**Blood Drive at LAU Beirut**



***USP III scholar 201304\*\*\* participated in the blood drive at LAU Beirut.***





***USP III scholar 201305\*\*\* helped with the blood drive at LAU Beirut.***

### **Re-claim the F-Word**



***USP III scholars 201304\*\*\*, 201404\*\*\* and 201303\*\*\* attended a lecture by the Intersectional feminist Club.***



### LAU Orphan Fair



***USP III scholar 201303\*\*\* entertained Children during the LAU's Annual Orphan Fair.***

### Reach Out and Dazzle Program



***USP III scholar 201304\*\*\* read for children during the Reach Out and Dazzle Program in Saida***



**Playroom activity for Hospitalized Pediatric Patients**



***USP III scholar 201304\*\*\* prepared activities for the hospitalized pediatric patients.***

**Camping with the Red Cross Club**



***USP III scholar 201404\*\*\* took part in the Red Cross Camp***

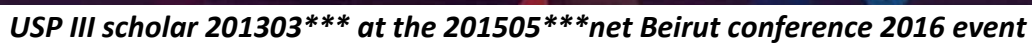
Steer Your Career – session 1



***USP III scholar 201304\*\*\* interacted with a Deloitte HR Manager, in the Steer Your Career Workshop***



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### Visit to Matelec



***USP III scholar 201304\*\*\* went to Matelec with the American Society for Mechanical Engineers club.***

### Photography Club Panel Discussion



***USP III scholar 201406\*\*\*, 201305\*\*\* and 201303\*\*\* attended a talk organized by the Photography club.***



### Red Cross Disability Awareness Campaign



***USP III scholar 201304\*\*\* actively engaged in raising awareness about disabilities***

### Live Healthy Live Happy



***USP III scholar 201304\*\*\* taking a group picture with the scout members in Ghazir after giving a workshop titled "Live Healthy Live Happy".***



## Pi Day



***USP III scholars 201303\*\*\*, 201305\*\*\* and 201406\*\*\* took a group picture. They organized an event to celebrate the  $\pi$  Day through the Math club***



***USP III scholar 201406\*\*\*, 201303\*\*\* and 201305\*\*\* participated in the Pi day event.***

## **2. Leadership Activities**

### **2.1 Global Classrooms LAU Model United Nations**

The Lebanese American University is holding, this year, the 11<sup>th</sup> Global Classrooms LAU Model United Nations conference in partnership with the “United Nations Association” of the United States of America.

“Global Classrooms” LAU Model United Nations is a program that consists in providing knowledge and skill based training for students over 5 Saturdays at the LAU premises in the following areas:

- a. Conflict resolution skills including the art of coalition building, communications, negotiations, open debate and resolution writing as well as simulation exercises;
- b. Diplomatic skills with extensive knowledge about UN procedures and rules of diplomatic and protocol representation;
- c. Knowledge-based training in country demographic, economic, political and social profiles;
- d. Advocacy training in civic engagement and social service in order to better serve the civic society and the philanthropic causes in Lebanon.

The ultimate aim of the program is to make Lebanese and a selected number of 201505\*\*\* students, coming from diverse socio-economic and sectarian backgrounds, acknowledge each other's differences, think methodically and objectively about UN problems, accept diversity, and gain communications, negotiations and leadership skills as well as cognition about the global challenges facing the United Nations.

Grade 7 , 8 , 10 and 11 school students will act as ambassadors for different countries and tackle the problems of sustainable development, global terrorism, menacing epidemics, global poverty, the spread of weapons of mass destruction, and environmental and ecological threats. The power of argumentation will prevail over the argument of power and the culture of democracy, unleashing the creative energies of the students, will triumph over the traditional teaching methods implemented in most of the schools of Lebanon.

The launching of the project takes place every year in November, and it exceeds expectations in terms of enthusiastic receptivity of the stakeholders, principals, advisors, and coaches of more than 2750 high school and middle school students coming from more than 174 schools from all over Lebanon.

USP Scholars are involved in this program including the following USP III scholars:

<b>USP Scholar Name</b>	<b>GC LAU MUN Position</b>
201403***	Logistics & Operations Coordinator
201305***	Logistics & Operations Coordinator
201304***	School Relations Coordinator

## **2.2 LAU Model 201505\*\*\* League**

Since 1983, the Model 201505\*\*\* League programs worldwide have offered high school and university students an extraordinary opportunity to learn, practice, and develop leadership skills. In the process, the participants deepen their knowledge and understanding of 201505\*\*\* social, economic, cultural, and political issues.

The Lebanese American University, in partnership with the "Hariri Foundation for Sustainable Human Development" (HFSHD) is implementing its second Model 201505\*\*\* League Conference in the region.

A team of LAU students will be training high-school students from all over Lebanon about practical leadership skills directly related to the social, economic, cultural and political issues 201505\*\*\* leaders and community have been facing.

Students gain invaluable first hand leadership experience and hands-on training through The Model 201505\*\*\* League's interactive learning process. They get familiarized with the application of time management skills, the use of parliamentary procedure, the dynamics of debating, writing and editing draft resolutions.

The program aims at the empowerment of 201505\*\*\* Youth, in the hope of them becoming the decision makers of tomorrow.

Throughout the year, students sit for 5 training sessions at LAU Beirut campus and the Outreach and Leadership center in Saida. By the end of the training, the now MAL delegates are prepared to take part in a two day Conference, where committees of the 201505\*\*\* League are simulated.

This year the program included 1000 high school and middle school students from 73 schools across Lebanon. The students were trained by 107 trainers from the Lebanese American University including the following USP scholars:

<b>USP Scholar Name</b>	<b>LAU-MAL Position</b>
201304***	School Relations Coordinator
201305***	School Relations Coordinator
201304***	Trainer
201304***	Trainer



## **2.3 Success Stories**

### **Sea Turtles Dispensary Renovation**

14 USP scholars, from various cohorts, went with the OCE administrative assistant to Ramlet El Bayda beach in order to renovate the domicile of the sea turtles. The volunteers were very interested in helping preserve Lebanon's biodiversity especially since they could do very little to help with the current threat of waste pollution. However for them to gain the insight needed for the cave's renovation, an expert from Operations Big Blue introduced the work of their NGO in addition to a small lecture on the interesting maritime life in Lebanon in general, and some facts about sea turtles in specific. They were extremely proud after finding out that the space they renovated will be used as a dispensary for injured turtles found on various beaches in Lebanon.



***USP III scholars gathered at the Ramlet El Bayda beach for the Sea Turtles Dispensary Renovation.***

### **Reforestation Activity**

35 USP scholars from various cohorts participated with the Outreach and Civic Engagement unit's reforestation activity in partnership with the Lebanese Reforestation Initiative (LRI). Students came from Byblos and Beirut campuses to Bkassine, Jezzine where they were welcomed by a representative of the municipality of Bkassine and a representative from LRI. He gave an introduction about the LRI and their reforestation initiative all over Lebanon then the representative of the municipality explained about the importance

of Bkassine forest as being the biggest from its kind in the Middle East. The Pine trees in the forest date back to 350 years from the time of Prince Fakhreddine II and it covers almost 500 hectares of land.

The reforestation in Bkassine is very important as it helps re-generate the forest especially after the fire that took place last year and destroyed a lot of old pine trees and plants. The students were excited to help the community reserve their forest and the cultural and touristic heritage it provides. The scholars accompanied by members of the OCE, hiked in the forest of Bkassine for half an hour in order to reach the designated area reforestation area. Together they managed to plant 340 pine trees.



***USP III scholars hiked to the reforestation site through the forest of Bkassine.***





***USP scholars from various cohorts gathered at Bkassine for the OCE's reforestation initiative.***

### **Beirut Marathon**

Several USP I, II, III, V and VI scholars participated in the Beirut marathon either by running for G in support of the Go Green cause or by volunteering at the LAU water station to encourage runners and help by recycling empty water bottles. G is a non-profit organization, a corporate social responsibility (CSR), and Green living NGO committed primarily to provide effective solutions for businesses and organizations to promote a healthier environment, a cleaner earth, and a more sustainable future. During this year's marathon The USP scholars took part in the largest water and cheering station on the 42 km and 10 km races, they helped distribute 27,000 bottles of water, 700 bottles of Gatorade and all the available sponges. The USP scholars also successfully operated a recycling station under the leadership of a student leader for the first time whereby they collected 6,900 bottles of water for recycling out of 50,320 bottles collected overall by G in 8 stations.



*USP III scholars in a group picture during the Beirut marathon.*

### **Building a Successful Career**

The Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit at the Lebanese American University organized a series of workshops catered to enhance the knowledge of USP scholars. Each USP cohort attended a workshop tailored to their career needs. The USP III scholars attended Individual Career Coaching on December 2 and 3. The workshops were held by the Career Guidance Associate Manager. Through these workshops the USP scholars will be able to graduate as independent career driven people, with the knowledge of how to navigate their paths in life to re201303\*\*\*ze great achievement in their fields of study thus benefiting themselves and their community.





***The Career Guidance Associate Manager is coaching the USP III students in Beirut individually.***

### **Leadership and Life Skills Workshop**

The founder and Managing Director of M.C.A. People Solutions gave a Leadership and Life skills workshop for USP I new, II new and III scholars in both the Beirut and Byblos campuses on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> of February 2016 and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> of February 2016 respectively. The workshop focused on helping the USP scholars prepare for life by teaching them about the 7 habits of highly effective leaders. He also informed them about the best ways to be proactive and prioritize. The scholars found him to be highly motivational and felt encouraged to pursue their ambitions in life. The attendees credit the USAID for providing them with the guidance to pursue a successful life.



***He explained the definition of a habit during the Leadership and Life Skills workshop in Beirut campus to USP scholars.***

### **USP VI Homecoming Reception**

LAU's University Scholarship Program (USP), a USAID-funded initiative that covers scholars' full tuition and related expenses, has recently received substantial funding toward its seventh cohort of students for what will be known as USP VII. To celebrate the USP VII grant and welcome the newly admitted USP VI cohort, the Outreach and Civic Engagement unit at LAU organized a welcoming reception. The U.S. Chargé d'Affaires ad interim Ambassador attended the reception along with LAU's President, Vice-President of Student Development and Enrollment Management and the Assistant Vice president for outreach and Civic engagement. USP scholars from all cohorts were there to celebrate this event with some of them sharing how their experience as a USP scholar changed their life.



***USP scholars from various cohorts in a group photograph at the conclusion of the USP VI Homecoming Reception.***

### **Visit to Bonheur du Ciel**

The Outreach and Civic Engagement unit at LAU organized a visit to Bonheur du Ciel rehabilitation center in Maaysra as a part of the Outreach and Corporate Visits. The visit took place on Wednesday 17 February, 2016. A total of nineteen USP scholars (USP II, III, V, and VI) participated in this visit (7 scholars commuted from Beirut and 12 from Byblos). The students watched an informative video about the NGO and another one about the severe consequences of using drugs. They also heard the testimony of two young patients and asked them questions about their experiences. The scholars found the visit highly enriching and interesting as it helped educate them about the tragedies in life and what to avoid. Thus the USAID is not only helping the scholars achieve their dream careers but also raising their awareness about social issues.



***USP scholars of various cohorts visited Bonheur Du Ciel rehabilitation center in Maaysra***



### **Young 201505\*\*\* Voices**

The Young 201505\*\*\* Voices debate is a competition in which university students from across Lebanon are able to participate. The young 201505\*\*\* Voices program in collaboration with LAU trains the students to debate in the British parliamentary format. The debate topics revolve around youth related issues, the first training sessions took place on 10, 11 and 13 February, 2016. Several USP scholars attended the introductory sessions and USP III scholar 201304\*\*\* and USP V scholar 201404\*\*\* continued to attend the training camp that help make the USP scholars better leaders of tomorrow.



***USP III scholar 201304\*\*\* in a group picture after concluding the Young 201505\*\*\* Voices debate training camp***



***USP III scholars 201404\*\*\*, 201304\*\*\* and 201303\*\*\* took a group picture during the introductory session of the Young 201505\*\*\* Voices debate.***



### **Reach Out and Dazzle (ROAD) program**

The Outreach and Civic Engagement unit at LAU asked volunteers to be part of the “Reach out and Dazzle” (ROAD) program that is taking place at the Outreach and Leadership Academy “OLA” in Saida. Students interested in reading in their spare time to various target audiences and spreading the culture of knowledge around them registered. Amongst those students are USP II scholar 201204\*\*\*, USP III scholars 201304\*\*\* and 201304\*\*\*. On February 3, 2016 scholars began sorting the reading material for the upcoming Reach Out and Dazzle project.



***USP III scholars 201304\*\*\* and 201304\*\*\* sorted the reading material for the Reach Out and Dazzle project in Saida.***

### **Visit to the Geitawi Hospital – Children Cancer Center**

USP II scholar 201204\*\*\* approached the Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit at the Lebanese American University to help her initiate a visit to the Geitawi Hospital – Children Cancer Center. Her initiative was incorporated into the Outreach and Corporate Visits that the unit is organizing. Her enthusiasm to help the community she lives in as a USP scholar spread to several other USP II, III, V and VI scholars. The visit took place on Wednesday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016. The scholars volunteered to help cheer the children residing in the Cancer Center by singing, dancing, playing games and giving them gifts.



*USP III scholars in a group picture at the Geitawi Hospital – Children Cancer Center*

### **Leadership and Project Management Workshop**

The Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit at the Lebanese American University held a Leadership and Project Management Workshop. The Workshop took place on Wednesday, February 24 in the Beirut Campus and Thursday February 25 in the Byblos Campus. A Human Behavior Specialist presented the challenges that most projects face by allowing the students to view their life as their most important project. This workshop taught the scholars how to be the leaders of their lives and how best to plan and adapt for it. USP III new, USP V and USP VI scholars attended this workshop and found it to be enlightening and were thankful for the USAID as they would not have had the chance to attend such workshops were it not for their scholarship.



***He presented the Leadership and Project Management Workshop to USP III new.***

### **Pepsi Co. Visit**

The Outreach and Civic Engagement Unit at the Lebanese American University organized an Outreach corporate visit to Pepsi Co. on April 2, 2016. Several USP scholars from various cohorts joined the visit at part of their civic engagement activities as per their grants. They toured the Pepsi factory and gained insight on how the business runs; the computer science students were interested in the machinery while the business students were interested in the production line. They were also given the opportunity to visit Pepsi's quality control laboratories to learn about the food safety measures of the factor which truly benefited the nutrition students. Overall the tour was successfully implemented and the scholars were enriched with a general knowledge that they can use to benefit their country when they enter the workforce.





***USP III scholars took a group picture with fellow peers while touring Pepsi Co.***

## **Part II: Individual Success Stories**

### **201304\*\*\***

Born and raised in Dhour El Shweir – Mount Lebanon, 201304\*\*\* attended the Official Secondary School of Shweir. His journey there was full of accomplishments and achievements given the fact that he was the top of his class for years in a row, well respected amongst the faculty and valued amongst his fellow students.

Despite the emotional and financial struggles his parents' divorce put the family through, He kept his eyes on the prize, managing to graduate high school in 2013 with distinction and as valedictorian of his class as well.

His hard work and persistence eventually got him into the USP III, majoring in the field he's most passionate about: Mechanical Engineering. He continues to thrive and prosper at the Lebanese American University on all levels where he maintains a good academic standing while being heavily involved in leadership and civic engagement programs.

He's a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers club, which allowed him to travel several times to European countries exploring multiple international factories such as Porsche, BMW, Mercedes and many others. He's also a member of the Global Classrooms@ LAU Model United Nations and the LAU Model 201505\*\*\* League programs, serving as a Trainer/School Relations coordinator for three years now.

He already started exploring the work field two years prior to his graduation, landing an internship with Porsche this summer and several other promising opportunities that are yet to be determined.

His expected graduation date is in 2017, and he has already proven himself capable of taking on whatever life has to offer him whether it is good or bad, believing in his favorite quote: 'Patience is life's secret.'



### **201304\*\*\***

201304\*\*\* attended the Official Secondary School of Barja located in her hometown, where she suffered from bullying acts coming from her peers and fellow classmates. This took a toll on her and it was obvious from her receding academic performance. However, with time she managed to tackle this issue, and instead of it bringing her down, she used it as extra fuel and motivation to excel in her studies and become one of the top students at her high school.

It didn't stop there for 201304\*\*\*, as she graduated from High School with Distinction, and made her way right after to take part in the USP III as a Political Science/International Affairs student – class of 2017.

201304\*\*\*'s Journey at the Lebanese American University has been successful and productive so far to say the least. She continues to brilliantly excel academically and was awarded a certificate for achieving the highest GPA in the department of Social Sciences in a celebration held by the department for excelling scholars.

She is also highly involved in leadership activities and campus life - being an active member in many clubs such as the International Affairs club, Palestinian and Safety Awareness Club. In addition, she's been a member of the Red Cross Youth for two consecutive years now.

It is no question that 201304\*\*\*'s prospective career is going to be bright and successful since she mastered the ability of turning obstacles into challenges.

'Follow your dreams. Believe in yourself and never give up!' is what pushes 201304\*\*\* that extra mile towards success and triumph.



## **2.4 Community Development Project:**

"Discover your potential, Plan for your success"				
<b>Location:</b> Official School of Mukhtara				
<b>Date:</b> Friday, April 8, 2016				
<b>Scholars' Information</b>				
<b>Scholar Name</b>	<b>Cohort</b>	<b>Public School</b>	<b>Residency</b>	<b>Major</b>
201303***	USP III	Official School of Mukhtara	Shouf, Maaser El Shouf	Nursing
201303***	USP III	Official School of Mukhtara	Shouf, Bakaata	Business
<b>Purpose of Project</b>				
<p>The purpose of guidance is to direct high school students to the diverse choices which is ahead of them after finishing school. In coordination with MMKN, the scholars practiced reinforcement sessions and related the subjects to majors which they could pursue. The university scholarship program at LAU had left a great impact on the lives of 201303*** and 201303*** to become inspirational leaders in their community, so they decided to support their community in this way.</p>				
<p>201303*** and 201303*** entered grade 11 and grade 12 classes of the Official School of Mukhtara and shared their experience with the students. Both scholars informed the students that they were sitting on their desks three years ago and thanks to the scholarship program they are now two months away from their graduation day. The scholars opened the floor for questions about the university life that the students felt they needed to know about as a way to motivate them to what lies ahead. The scholars then informed the students about their majors and what are their plans for the future when it comes to the job market. Students listened eagerly to what Sandy and Faten said and showed concern in the topics discussed since it affects each one of them. Sandy and Faten then did couple of practice exercises in order to help the students succeed in school.</p>				



***USP III scholars 201303\*\*\* and 201303\*\*\* distributed booklets to Grade 11 students.***



"Towards a Confident and United Youth"				
<b>Location:</b> Druze Orphanage, Baysour				
<b>Date:</b> Saturday, March 26, 2016				
<b>Scholars' Information</b>				
<b>Scholar Name</b>	<b>Cohort</b>	<b>Public School</b>	<b>Residency</b>	<b>Major</b>
201303***	USP III	Official School of Maroun Abboud	Aley, Ramlieh	Education
201304***	USP III	Official School of Baysour	Aley, Kfarmata	Biology
<b>Purpose of Project</b>				
<p>The purpose of the project is to entertain, inform and raise awareness on the environmental importance. The activities chosen for this purpose help the orphans gain self- confidence, leadership skills, anti- bullying and ways to preserve their environment. Orphans gain the courage to practice public speaking, respond to bullying and stand next to each other as a team. They were the first to come to 201303*** and 201304***'s minds since they believe that they are in need for these motivational activities to improve their psychological and behavioral performance. Both scholars decided to collaborate with "AFDC" to aid them in implementing their project.</p> <p>Orphans of Beit El Yateem El Derzi gathered around the scholars to participate in a series of activities that improved their social skills, increased their confidence, and gave them tips on preserving their environment. Anti- bullying exercises included activities on how to respond to verbal and non-verbal bullying acts that many students face at schools. On the other hand, environmental activities included a real exercise were students planted trees in the garden of their orphanage while 201304*** informed them about the benefits of trees. Later, the orphans gathered around the tables in the dining room of their orphanage and had lunch together after a long day.</p>				



*USP III scholar took a group photo with the orphans after her lecture about the environment.*





***USP III scholars spotted while having lunch with the orphans***

"Discover your potential, Plan for your success"				
<b>Location:</b> Official School of Omar Faroukh				
<b>Date:</b> Tuesday, March 1,2016				
<b>Scholars' Information</b>				
<b>Scholar Name</b>	<b>Cohort</b>	<b>Public School</b>	<b>Residency</b>	<b>Major</b>
201304***	USP III	Official School of Omar Farouk	Choeifat, Al-Mallat	Business
<b>Purpose of Project</b>				
<p>The purpose of guidance is to direct high school students to the diverse choices which is ahead of them after finishing school. In coordination with MMKN and LAU's Career Guidance, the scholar practiced reinforcement sessions and related the subjects to majors which they could pursue. The university scholarship program at LAU had left a great impact on the life of 201304*** to become inspirational leader in her community, so she decided to support their community in this way.</p> <p>The high school students of the Official School of Omar Farouk engaged with 201304*** in order to orient them to the most suitable major and to inform them about career preparedness. The orientation highlights the trajectory that awaits them and gives them a sense of direction and focus. The activities that 201304*** implemented during her project boosted students to love challenge, practice active listening and their self-management skills. 201304*** assisted them in related subject matters in order to succeed in high school. All of this was done to give students an inside scoop of the university life based on her own experience.</p>				



***USP III scholar 201304\*\*\* sharing her own experience with the students***



***USP III scholar taking a group picture with the high school students***

"Discover your potential, Plan for your success"				
<b>Location:</b> Official School of Shakib Irsan				
<b>Date:</b> Tuesday, March 8, 2016				
<b>Scholars' Information</b>				
<b>Scholar Name</b>	<b>Cohort</b>	<b>Public School</b>	<b>Residency</b>	<b>Major</b>
201304***	USP III	Official School of Jamil Rawas	Beirut, Tarik Aljdiedeh	Computer Science
201304***	USP III	Official School of Zahia Salman	Beirut, Dahyieh	Biology
<b>Purpose of Project</b>				
<p>The purpose of guidance is to direct high school students to the diverse choices which is ahead of them after finishing school. In coordination with MMKN and LAU's Career Guidance, the scholars practiced reinforcement sessions and related the subjects to majors which they could pursue. The university scholarship program at LAU had left a great impact on the lives of 201304*** and 201304*** to become inspirational leaders in their community, so they decided to support their community in this way.</p>				
<p>The high school students of the Official School of Shakib Irsan engaged with the scholars to support and share with them their experiences and lessons learned at university. The scholars implemented interactive games that served the purpose of the project along with the students all while practicing some reinforcement exercises. The activities clarified some of the students expectations related to college life and provided them with useful insights regarding academic challenges. All of this was done to help them be better prepared for their upcoming university life.</p>				

<b>"Nehna Ahl" (We are family)</b>				
<b>Location:</b> Dar Hamilat Al Teeb (affiliate of Der Mar Yacoub)				
<b>Date:</b> Saturday, March 19, 2016				
<b>Scholars' Information</b>				
<b>Scholar Name</b>	<b>Cohort</b>	<b>Public School</b>	<b>Residency</b>	<b>Major</b>
201304***	USP III	Official School of Deddeh-Koura	Deddeh, Koura	Nutrition
201305***	USP III	Official School of 201305*** Salem	Bshare, Hay El Saydi	Business
<b>Purpose of Project</b>				
<p>The purpose of the project is to involve the elderly in reading and writing poetry, solving puzzles and cross-words and listening to music. The activities done promoted social interaction and interpersonal relationships that helped them maintain good physical and emotional health and cognitive function. The elderly feel at some point of their lives that they are withdrawn from the world so encouraging them to engage in social activities connect them to their communities again and make them feel good and wanted. By discovering new talents and re201303***zing their true potentials, the elderly are able to build confidence, establish control in their lives, and achieve their personal goals. The elderly have influenced the lives of 201304*** and 201305***to become motivational people in their community so they decided to cooperate with "Caritas Lebanon-Youth Division in Koura" to help them in their project.</p>				
<p>The elderly at Dar Hamilat Al Teeb gathered around the scholars to participate in a series of activities that helped them value the importance of interaction. Solving puzzles and cross-words gave the elderly the enjoyment they need and stimulated their brains. Moreover, they discovered the fun in singing old songs which brought memories to their minds. All of this was done to help them gain confidence in their selves and establish new networks with people they never met before.</p>				



<b>"Seniority Matters"</b>				
<b>Location:</b> Dar Al Salam Hospital for Social Care				
<b>Date:</b> Saturday, March 26, 2016				
<b>Scholars' Information</b>				
<b>Scholar Name</b>	<b>Cohort</b>	<b>Public School</b>	<b>Residency</b>	<b>Major</b>
201303***	USP III	Official School of Dr.Nazih Bizri	Ghazieh, Jnoub	Business
201304***	USP III	Official School of Bint Jbeil	Bent Jbeil, Aynata	Mechanical Engineering
201304***	USP III	Official School of Sarafand	Saida, Saksakieh	Mechanical Engineering
201304***	USP III	Official School of Tebnine	Bent Jbeil, Chakraa	Nursing
201304***	USP III	Official School of Adloun	Saida, Adloun	Business
201304***	USP III	Official School of Adloun	Babliyah, Jnoub	Business
<b>Purpose of Project</b>				
<p>Many elderly people are no longer able to read for themselves, either because their sight isn't good enough, they aren't strong enough to hold a book, they have a tremor which makes the printed page dance in front of their eyes in an unreadable manner, or their cognitive abilities no longer allow them to process the written word. Thus, the purpose of reading with the elderly at Dar Al Salam in the South was to entertain them, share with them some thoughts, and make them feel appreciated. The scholars spent three days at the Dar. During their stay, a professional professor assisted them and explained the importance of living a healthy life to prevent diseases such as diabetes and high blood pressure, etc. The elderly influenced the scholars' lives to become supportive members in their community, so they decided to collaborate with the "Red Cross" and an assistant professor of food science and technology from LAU to help them implement their project.</p>				
<p>Elderly people are people that need special care and support. The aim of the scholars was to take care of the elderly and support them through reading books of different types such as: romantic, history, politics, etc. Project sustainability depends on the scholars who volunteered to go every month to the Dar in order to read for the elderly and contribute in improving their lives and making them feel more appreciated.</p>				



***USP III scholars 201303\*\*\*, 201304\*\*\*, 201304\*\*\*, 201304\*\*\*, 201304\*\*\* and 201304\*\*\*sang for the elderly.***



***USP III scholars engaged with the elderly in physical activities.***

#### **IV. Challenges**

There were no challenges faced in this quarter. OCE Continues to develop and strengthen internal processes to meet the requirements of the USP grant.

## V. Planned Activities

USP Civic Engagement Coordination								
<b>Date:</b> Use only the following: MM/DD/YY YY	<b>Start time (9:00am)</b>	<b>End time (11:00am)</b>	<b>Event Title</b>	<b>Event Location (Campus, Building, Room number or exact address if outside university)</b>	<b>Event Objective &amp; Synopsis (what, who, how)</b>	<b>Event Type (drop down menu only)</b>	<b>If other, Specify</b>	<b>Restrictions &amp; Other Notes: Is the event restricted only for the same university students? Any required pre-requisites? How many outside students can the event accommodate? Any particular preference to majors or faculties?</b>
2-Apr-16	11:00am	01:00pm	OCV Visit to MTV	MTV, Naccache	Outreach and Corporate visits: The visit will give them the chance to explore one of the most watched and successful TV stations in Lebanon and the Middle East. They will also have the chance to inquire about the management, production, behind the scenes operation rooms in charge of the airing and the camera management.	Other	Field trips	USP I, II, III, V & VI
6-Apr-16	09:00am	04:00pm	Career Fair-Byblos	Byblos Campus	The chance to meet different organizations for future job and internship opportunities	Other	Career Fair	USP I, II, III, V & VI
6-Apr-16	09:00am	12:00pm	International Heritage day	Beirut Campus-Upper gate	The chance to know more about the Lebanese heritage	Other	UNESCO Club activities	USP I, II, III, V & VI
16-Apr-16	11:00am	01:00pm	OCV visit to Fanar Psychiatric Hospital	Al Fanar Psychiatric Hospital	Outreach and Corporate visits: The visit will give them the chance to meet the patients and listen to their thoughts	Other	Field trips	USP I, II, III, V & VI
13-Apr-16	01:30pm	03:00pm	USP Awards Distribution Ceremony	Beirut Campus-Irwin Auditorium	Honor the USP Student leaders	Other	Honoring Ceremony	USP I, II, III, V & VI
18-Apr-16	12:00pm	01:00pm	CV Writing Workshop	Beirut Campus, AKSOB 903	Explore the steps to write a CV	Focus Group		USP V
18-Apr-16	11:00am	01:00pm	OCV visit to Four Seasons Hotel	Beirut-Zaitouna	Outreach and Corporate visits: The visit will give them the chance to explore the different departments of the hotel	Other	Field trips	USP I, II, III, V & VI
19-Apr-16	10:00am	11:30am	OCV visit to An-Nahar Newspaper	Beirut-Down Town	Outreach and Corporate visits: The visit will give them the chance to explore the different departments of the newspaper	Other	Field trips	USP I, II, III, V & VI
20-Apr-16	12:00pm	01:00pm	CV Writing Workshop	Byblos Campus, Science 608	Explore the steps to write a CV	Focus Group		USP V

TBA			USP Graduates' dinner with parents	LAU Beirut	USP Graduates gathering	Focus Group		USP I, II, III, V & VI
7-Jun-16	06:00pm	10:00pm	Commencement Exercises	Byblos Campus	Graduation ceremony	Focus Group		USP I, II, III, V & VI
10-Jun-16	06:00pm	10:00pm	Commencement Exercises	Beirut Campus	Graduation ceremony	Focus Group		USP I, II, III, V & VI
11-Jun-16	06:00pm	10:00pm	Commencement Exercises	Beirut Campus	Graduation ceremony	Focus Group		USP I, II, III, V & VI
TBA			Basic Studio Skills Workshop	Beirut and Byblos Campus	Enhance their basic studio skills	Focus Group		USP III new and V
TBA			Entrepreneurial Training	Beirut and Byblos Campus	To develop necessary knowledge and skills, basic managerial knowledge and understanding and to help in selecting the right type of projects and products	Focus Group		USP V & VI
TBA			Conflict Resolution and Negotiation skills workshop	Beirut and Byblos Campus	Understanding conflicts that affect the team process, Ability to handle team conflicts, knowledge of negotiation and improve their communication skills	Focus Group		USP V & VI
TBA			Group Work and team building activities	Outdoors activities	Team building activities	Fun Events (outdoors ...)		USP I, II, III, V & VI
TBA			Reforestation activities	Outdoors activities	Team building activities	Fun Events (outdoors ...)		USP I, II, III, V & VI

## VI. Work Plan

(Available on a separately attached document, refer to the Work plan for USP III- Year 2015-2016)



## VII. Quotes form Scholars

"USP is the way for living a good dream and dreaming about a better life where capability and opportunity can meet.

**201305\*\*\*** - *Business*

"USP has turned my life upside down, I will forever be grateful for the better person it made me, as it is because of it that I feel I have boundless opportunities to grow in my life."

**201304\*\*\***– *Nutrition*

"USP is the reason behind every goal and every success I am achieving in my university life and will be the reason for the same later on in my career life. USP changed my life. Thank you!"

**201304\*\*\*** - *Civil Engineering*

## IX. Appendix 1

### Mentors List (Fall 2015)

ID Number	# Mentored
201305***	7
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### **Mentors List (Spring 2016)**

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ID Number	Student Mentor
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ID Number	Student Mentor
201203***	5
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